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To: Russ Maddox <PII >

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Subject: Re: North Pole

Russ

I'm not sure what you mean when you ask if toluene and benzene being targeted in water samples. EPA is not conducting any sampling at this time. DEC has been the agency conducting sampling.

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▼ Russ Maddox ---03/28/2012 02:36:16 PM---Hi Brandon,

From: Russ Maddox <PII >
To: Brandon Perkins/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/28/2012 02:36 PM
Subject: Re: North Pole

Hi Brandon,

Thanks for the information. I was also instrumental in the PA petition in North Pole. I volunteer on many issues with ACAT. Residents of North Pole called me years ago and saw the need for a more aggressive and comprehensive investigation than DEC was engaged in so I sought help from ACAT considering some of their members were affected by the sulfolane plume. I will withdraw the FOIA knowing there is nothing new to see at this time. I have read every word the state and RP have generated and find it lacking as far as assessing risks. The plume is spreading and sulfolane is more harmful than the state led folks to believe. The RPs are only offering water to folks who sign away any rights to sue in the future for property and medical claims arising from sulfolane exposure. Knowing folks are still drinking and bathing in the polluted groundwater rather than risking future compensation from what may arise keeps me motivated and seeking the most direct way of minimizing their risk. The consultants and attorneys I have spoken with think that where there is sulfolane there are other chemicals that simply have not been targeted or detected. Are toluene and benzene being targeted in water samples?

Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ

--- On **Wed, 3/28/12**, Brandon Perkins <Perkins.Brandon@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

From: Brandon Perkins <Perkins.Brandon@epamail.epa.gov>

Subject: Re: North Pole

To: "Russ Maddox" <russmaddox@yahoo.com>

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 1:19 PM

Hi Russ

EPA is currently working on the completion of a new Preliminary Assessment report regarding the sulfolane. ACAT has requested that EPA conduct a PA and assess the release of sulfolane to the groundwater. The PA has taken quite a bit of time to complete. A number of factors have caused the delay, but the biggest factor was determining if sulfolane was a substance that was eligible for response (assessment) under CERCLA. I believe it will be a substance that is eligible and we will be able to move forward with completing the PA. I hope to have the PA completed by the summer sometime or sooner, if we are in fact able to move forward with the PA.

So at this time we are unable to provide any new information as requested in your FOIA. Would you like us to close the FOIA request and you can send another request once a report is available, or would you like to keep the FOIA request open and provide the report when it is ready?

DEC has been conducting a lot of assessment and characterization work at the site and have been the lead agency as far as responses at the site. They have quite a bit of analytical data.

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From: Russ Maddox [REDACTED]
To: Brandon Perkins/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/28/2012 11:36 AM
Subject: North Pole

Hi Brandon,

Sorry to have missed your call last week. I was busy launching a new coal dust monitoring project in Seward.

Regarding the PA in North Pole. I cannot find any new/current EPA information on the subject online so I just want an update regarding status of the investigation and what plans have been made. I am also very interested in any new analytical data the EPA may have. I have been working with dozens of affected families for years and they, too, are trying to figure out what to do next.

So like I said in the requests I would like to see any reports you have generated, or updates regarding plans, and especially any analytical data you all may have generated.

Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ